



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1086

LCO No. 5009



Referred to Committee on JUDICIARY

Introduced by:
(JUD)

***AN ACT CONCERNING PERSONS WHO ARE PERMITTED TO
SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGES IN THIS STATE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-22 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2015*):

3 (a) Persons authorized to solemnize marriages in this state include
4 (1) all judges and retired judges, either elected or appointed, including
5 federal judges and judges of other states who may legally join persons
6 in marriage in their jurisdictions, (2) family support magistrates, state
7 referees and justices of the peace who are appointed in Connecticut,
8 [and] (3) all ordained or licensed members of the clergy, belonging to
9 this state or any other state, as long as they continue in the work of the
10 ministry, and (4) any person duly authorized to solemnize marriages
11 in another state if such person (A) provides proof of such authority to
12 the registrar for the town in which the marriage is to be celebrated, (B)
13 completes a written application prescribed by the registrar of the town
14 in which the marriage is to be celebrated, which application shall
15 minimally set forth the names of the persons to be married, the date of

16 the marriage and the name and address of the out-of-state officiant,
17 and (C) remits to such registrar a twenty-five dollar application fee. All
18 marriages solemnized according to the forms and usages of any
19 religious denomination in this state, including marriages witnessed by
20 a duly constituted Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is, are valid. All
21 marriages attempted to be celebrated by any other person are void.

22 (b) No public official legally authorized to issue marriage licenses
23 may join persons in marriage under authority of a license issued by
24 himself, or his assistant or deputy; nor may any such assistant or
25 deputy join persons in marriage under authority of a license issued by
26 such public official.

27 (c) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be fined
28 not more than fifty dollars.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	46b-22

Statement of Purpose:

To allow residents of other states to perform marriages in this state if certain requirements are met.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]